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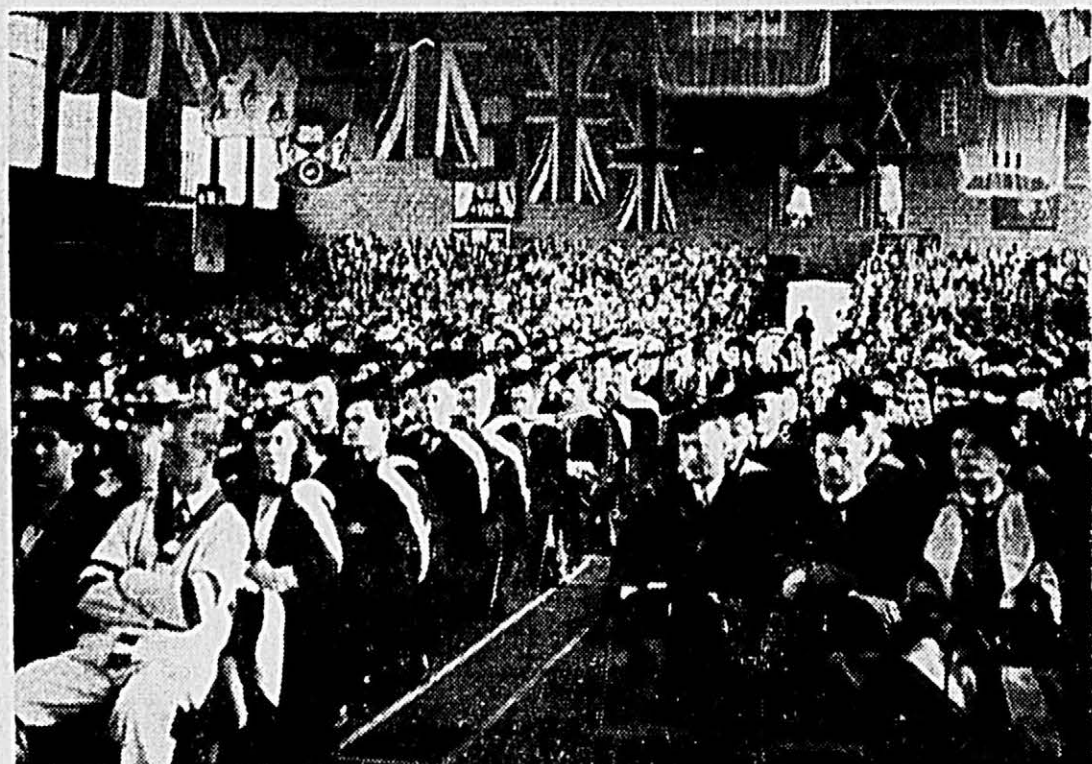
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MARSHALL AWARDED DEGREE AT COLORFUL CEREMONY



THIS IS AN OVERALL VIEW of the large crowd of students and graduates who attended the Founder's Day Convocation yesterday in the Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Gym. This large body of spectators saw over 200 graduates receive their degrees from the hands of the Chancellor, Chief Justice Orville S. Tyndale. Daily Photo—Hall-Martlet.



PICTURED AS THEY LEFT THE GYM following the Fall Convocation are Principal James, the Right Honorable William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, and Chief Justice Orville S. Tyndale, chancellor of the university. Daily Photo—Walsley-Martlet.

Chancellor Stresses Main Values of College Training

Chief Justice O. S. Tyndale, Chancellor of the university, delivered the Convocation Address to the 200 graduating students at the Founder's Day ceremonies held in the Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Gym yesterday.

In his speech Chancellor Tyndale outlined the development of the university over the past few years. "Our reputation in the fields of medical, biological, and physical science has been considerably enhanced."

"But I do fear," he continued, "that some of us may be inclined at times to forget that the main purpose of a university is to train our young people to think clearly and honestly, and to provide them with a background of knowledge and some criteria for the intelligent exercise of their judgment in order to help them, not only in their professional spheres, but also in their participation in the life of the community and the enjoyment of their leisure hours."

"That purpose cannot be achieved by buildings, laboratories, scientific equipment or even by libraries alone," he added.

He pointed out that one of the great functions of the university was to train young people to be able to select the good and the useful in personal and professional life.

Without good teaching he emphasized, even the most intelligent youth endowed with natural good taste would, at the very least, waste much valuable time.

Members of the teaching profession, he stressed, are still inadequately remunerated and are far from enjoying the prestige to which they are entitled by the important and heavy responsibilities which they bear.

The Chancellor urged the freshman class to use judgment in deciding on the amount of extracurricular activities which they could undertake without adverse effect on their academic standing.

Convocation Party Holds Inspection

An interesting ceremony was carried out yesterday afternoon when His Excellency, the Governor-General and General George C. Marshall carried out a brief inspection of the Canadian Grenadier Guard, while looking on from the steps of the Arts Building was a group composed of Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Chief Justice Tyndale and Vice-Chancellor Cyril F. James.

Previous to the inspection there was conducted a mounting of the guard at the tomb of James McGill by the detachment of Grenadiers under the command of Lieut. E. G. Stanbury.

An interested crowd of students looked on as the Grenadiers marched smartly on to the campus and took up their position in front of the Arts Building.

After the inspection of the guard the official party moved on to the Currie Gymnasium where the convocation exercises were held.

Some 200 Grads Present as Tyndale Honored by McGill

Prime Minister King, U.S. Ambassador In Attendance

He is numbered among those to whom mankind, in its hour of tribulation, is looking for leadership," said Principal James at yesterday's convocation ceremony, introducing General George Marshall to Chancellor Tyndale for the presentation of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

The conferring of this degree on General Marshall, D.S.M., with Oak leaf cluster, climaxed the convocation exercises at which some 200 students were granted degrees.

At the same ceremony Chief Justice Orville Tyndale, M.A., B.C.L., K.C., was granted an honorary Doctorate of Civil Law in his first appearance as Chancellor at a McGill Convocation. Chief Justice Tyndale, first McGill graduate ever appointed chancellor of this University, also delivered the convocation address.

Convocation exercises opened with the mounting of the guard at James McGill's tomb, followed by an inspection of the guard by the Governor-General and General Marshall. The distinguished guests, including Prime Minister King, the American ambassador to Canada and his worship the mayor, then proceeded to the Currie Gym where the degree-granting ceremonies took place.

Opening Prayer
Following the opening prayer led by the Reverend G. G. D. Kilpatrick, the Governor-General, McGill's official visitor addressed the gathering, mentioning the distinguished guests, particularly General Marshall who was later to be presented by Dean LeMesurier for his degree.

The principal next spoke a few words of welcome, in particular to the parents, wives and friends of the graduates, who, he believed, had all had an active part in the successful graduation of the candidates.

The convocation address by (Continued on Page 4.)

Freshettes Invited To Physio's Social

The School of Physiotherapy will commence its season's activities on Wednesday, October 8, 8 o'clock, at Anna House when seniors welcome freshettes.

A special invitation is extended to all juniors to come and hear the seniors offer sound words of advice against the pitfalls of physiotherapy.

The party will get under way with games and contests, thus giving everyone a chance to get acquainted.

Chancellor Tyndale Speaks At Founder's Day Dinner

McGill's development over the past quarter century, her expansion of activities, has in large measure been the result of the ability and devotion of graduates, teachers, the Board of Governors and the principal of the university, Orville S. Tyndale, Chancellor of McGill, told members of the Graduates' Society last night at their annual Founders' Day dinner in the Mount Royal Hotel.

Ballon, Tunis To Attend Student Meet

Ed Ballon, president of the Students' Society, and Al Tunis, Editor in Chief of The Daily, have been appointed by the S.E.C. to attend a student forum from 21-23 of October in New York City as representatives of McGill.

This forum, which is being sponsored by the New York Herald Tribune, will be attended by student delegates of many American universities while Toronto and McGill are the only Canadian institutions invited to send representatives.

It was stated that the purpose of this conference which is being held at the Waldorf Astoria is to discuss problems in education and student government. The role of the veteran student will also be considered. The student control of athletics is another item on the agenda.

The two representatives will be accompanied by a member of the faculty, who will attend as a representative of the Principal.

The students attending the forum will arrive in New York on October 21. They will be accommodated at the Waldorf Astoria where they will remain until October 23, the final day of the Herald Tribune Forum.

'Radnik' Is Back, Students Enthused by Yugoslav Tour

(Special to The Daily)

A dispatch received late last night from Jersey City disclosed that seventy delegates to the Prague Youth Festival here just arrived in Jersey City aboard the Yugoslav liner "Radnik" stated that they "found a remarkable enthusiasm and spirit among the Yugoslav youth."

Premier Tito was described as a "pretty regular guy" by the leader of the Canadian delegation, Homer Stevens, 24, of Vancouver. Stevens added that his group had worked on the "Youth Railway" between Sarajevo and Samac at the invitation of the world Federation of Democratic Youth. The organization sponsored the Youth Festival.

The Youth Festival was attended by delegates from seventy-two countries. Aboard the "Radnik" last night, together with the Canadian contingent, were forty-four American representatives.

The Canadian group is reported as having been awarded "highest recognition" by the Yugoslav People's Youth Organization. Many of the delegates in the group wore medals given them in recognition of their work.

Representing the Women's Union of McGill University at the festival was Edith Cannon, 20, of Scarsdale, N.Y. A senior pre-law student here, Miss Cannon stated that there had been "no threat" to her liberty in Yugoslavia, and added "at no time was I under surveillance."

In reference to Yugoslav youth, Canadian delegation members said that "their whole hearts seem to

be in the building of a new and prosperous country." Charges were made by a minority faction, at the close of the Prague Youth Festival, that the organization was Communist-dominated. This was denied last night by the American delegates aboard the docking "Radnik." The majority statement is quoted as stating that the Federation represented "over forty thousand democratic youths of all shades of political and social opinion."

Red Feather Will Present Special Show

Previewing the coming Amalgamated Charities Campaign which begins on October 17th, Dawson students will be treated to an exclusive showing of the Red Feather Revue on Wednesday night, in the theatre at 8.00 p.m.

As the McGill Amalgamated charities campaign contributes 71% of its objective to Welfare Federation, the members of the Revue were very willing to assist the campaign by staging their show at Dawson.

Master of Ceremonies for this musical extravaganza will be John Pratt of Navy Show fame. His cast of lovelies hail from all parts of the Dominion and are devoting their time and talent freely for the sole purpose of arousing support for the Red Feather campaign.

McGill's campaign will run from the 17th to the 24th of this month, but students should begin to realize now that their support of a worthwhile cause is the deciding factor of its success. With this thought in mind, it is hoped that Wednesday night's turnout will manifest the spirit with which the whole campus will respond to the forthcoming campaign.

Daily Lecture Series Start Today in Union

The first of a series of five lectures in Journalism will be held today, Tuesday, October 7th, at 5.15 p.m. in the new assembly room on the second floor of the Union building. All those who have signed on as cub reporters will be expected to attend while any interested parties and would-be reporters will be cordially welcomed.

This first lecture will be given by the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily, Al Tunis. It will deal with the aims and purposes of a newspaper and the responsibilities of the staff to their readers.

The second lecture will take place on Friday, October 10th. This lecture will be conducted by the Managing-Editor of The Daily, Tim Buck, and will explain the organization of the staff from the point of view of writing, editing, and publishing a newspaper. It will bring into focus the various departments, i.e., editorial, advertising, and mechanical, at the same time outlining the duties and responsibilities of each.

This series of lectures will be coupled with practical experience in reporting and editing The Daily. The training received here will give a fine grounding to those entering journalism and will help anyone who wants to write. Working on The Daily will emphasize the necessity for sticking to a steady style while constant self-criticism and the friendly advice of the older members of the staff will be of great assistance to the neophyte newspaperman.

Newspaper English is a very special style of writing that has to be learned. It is really a purified, unadorned, straight-forward method of describing a happening so that ordinary human beings can read and understand.

McGill lacks an official School of Journalism but significant among those whose newspaper life began (Continued on Page 4.)

Gerry O'Brien Appointed Producer of Annual Revue

By LYON NATHANSON
(Daily Staff Writer)

The appointment of Gerry O'Brien as producer of this year's Red and White Revue has been confirmed today by the Students' Executive Council. Organization and technical operation of McGill's musical show will generally be conducted along the lines of the 1947 Edition held last February in Moysie Hall.

Now is the time for experienced organizers to consult with O'Brien for committee positions; stage men, master carpenters, costumers, lighting operators, property men, and a business manager are the first needed to begin planning the year's only musical-comedy extravaganza. Rehearsals will be concentrated in the period just before the opening, although the actual scheme of organization must be completed before the budget is submitted for endorsement by the Students' Society before Oct. 20. It was stressed in a Daily interview, "Revue" offices in the McGill Union basement will become the hub of organization for the show."

O'Brien, property man and player in last year's Revue, acted together with the 1947 producer, Eugene Jousse, in the "Lost Colony" Summer Theatre, at Mateo, Roanoke Island, North Carolina, last season. Practical showmanship and talent in this theatre staged a symphonic drama with musical numbers as written by Paul Green, Pulitzer Prize Winner, a combination Producer O'Brien participated in.

As yet, no names are already on committee lists, however, it has been reported that several positions will definitely be filled next week. The Red and White Review

is strictly a student project from choreographers to costume designers, from script-writers to prop-men.

In co-operation with Dean Gillson of the Faculty of Arts and Science, and Elmer Hall of the English Department, O'Brien has undertaken the production of the



GERRY O'BRIEN

complete show, including sets, dance routines and chorus numbers, and solo work. In particular favor with the new producer are the West Indian Calypso skit staged last year, and a type of show featuring a review without a plot.

O'Brien let it be known, moreover, that he expects the show to run a complete week this season, with one or two previews and a special night reserved for Dawson College. It was further emphasized that early organization of the production is essential in order for it to run on the traditionally non-profit basis.

Student Body At Dawson To Meet Wed.

For the past two years a unique organization has been formed on the Dawson campus called the Co-Weds' Corner. Because of the war, a great influx of married veterans appeared at Dawson and special arrangements for room and board for their families were made.

A Co-Weds' Lounge was also provided for recreation and a separate Co-Wed Council was formed to organize programs for the married couples.

Thus for two years now, Dawson's married student body has been given adequate and organized recreation. This year the council has started up again and the opening General Meeting has been called by President White for this Wednesday evening, Oct. 8, at 7.45 p.m. in the Co-Weds' Lounge. The Council Executive is hoping for a full attendance of all the married students and their wives so that a successful season may be had.

Ceremony Proves Baffling For Notre Brave Garcon

By JEAN POULIOT

Me by geez I see plenty commotion yesterday when I is go for see what it is dat arrives on le Mont Royal. De university dat is not de universite de Montreal, she's full wit' important people."

De reason for what I go dere in de first place, well, s'my job. Sometime I is report de fuss around McGill. I go to Currie Gym. Firs' ting I know everybody sing, and one reporter when he's hear de second line he's say like dat to me "dese students dey don't care what dey sing!"

What! dere's no fuss dere I tink. So I is go in de room where de fellows an' de gals wit' black robes dey chat like de canary section in de pet shop. I hear one guy he's say to de odder guy "I go through university so fast I know only two guys in my class." Den one gal, she's so pretty too for look worried, she's look for someone. She's want to know what de score is. An' de guy tells her 3-2 for Yankees.

Den I notice one tall fellow,

French: wit' de beard like de eyebrows on John L. Lewis. Well, no red-dressed coppers around him, he's not tres important I tink, an' I is go for news.

De place she's look like Sherbrooke street on de day of la Saint-Jean Baptiste. Flags an' police an' shining cars and pretty colors an' girls: de sun she's shine on all dat, all is so pretty.

De band she's play magnificent. I tink maybe dis is a Hollywood musicale in technicolor but no, de music finish. All de important men dey walk in an' I is wonder what for Camilleen he's not come.

Dere's a Vicome dere an' a Marshall and a King, an' Im so impressed I keel over an' faint for de duration of de speech. I come to again an' de place shes empty. So I is come here an' tell de boss what I see. An' de boss he's say to me: "Dat sort of stuff you recount, you've not been to Convocation. I suggest you go back to de taverne an' dis time, get de story straight!"

News Department Meeting Today

All editors, staff members and senior reporters are required to be present at a news staff meeting today at five o'clock in The Daily offices.

If anyone is unable to attend will they please notify the news editor at 1.30 p.m.

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BACKGROUND FOR KNOWLEDGE

Students tend to be dogmatic about the course they are following while at the university. Oft heard is the friendly yet serious arguments that seems to distinguish artsman from Science-man.

At yesterday's convocation McGill's new Chancellor, Chief Justice O. S. Tynsdale, McGill's first graduate to be so honored, spoke his views on education.

It was his opinion that the main purpose of a university was to train young people to think clearly and honestly; to provide them with a background of knowledge and some criteria for intelligent exercise of their judgment in all occasions.

In his speech the Chancellor emphasized that technical training must be accomplished by a generous amount of liberal arts for the successful completion of a well rounded education so necessary in a mechanistic world.

Here, we feel, is a word of truth that every technical student should take to heart. We have heard rumors abroad to the extent that the honor

science courses may, in the near future, become of five years duration instead of the present four year ones.

This move would be to allow students in these courses to take at least one liberal art subject a year, while still maintaining the present five courses per year.

Only by such means can the technical student emerge from his departmentalized science to view and appreciate the world into which he must fit both personally and professionally.

In the words of the Chancellor . . . "Our reputation in the fields of medical, biological and physical science has been considerably enhanced . . . but I do fear that some of us may be inclined at times to forget that the main purpose of a university is to train our young people to think clearly and honestly, and to provide them with a background of knowledge . . . that purpose cannot be achieved by buildings, laboratories, scientific equipment, or even by libraries, alone.—T.E.B.

THE FORGE: ARTS VS. SCIENCE

(Contributed)

The war has undoubtedly produced a rift in our culture between science and the arts. During the war, nations were concerned almost wholly with scientific things. The moral and cultural issues which were antithetical seemed clear in people's minds, but since survival depended upon force, the great amount of intellect, energy, and money which was summoned to meet the crisis was turned towards science and industry. And those fields have profited permanently. While the struggle has hardly decreased in fervour, we are no longer in a position where survival depends wholly on force, and it is time now that we returned the arts to their place in our civilization, that we reinforced our culture lest it should lose its equilibrium by becoming too mechanistic.

The arts cannot thrive in the hands of a small group of professionals alone—their place is in the life of businessmen, lawyers, scientists, men of every occupation. The editors of "The Forge" feel that we are in danger of a grave academic disunity at McGill. It is the tendency of many western universities today to turn out many highly skilled technicians and few edu-

cated men. It is an easy situation to fall into, since with the tremendous body of knowledge to assimilate in the fields of science, economics and industry, the student with a profession in mind tends to study exclusively that subject in which he is most interested. The result is that the various fields of learning related in theory, are becoming too departmentalized, and independent of each other. Not only the individual, but our culture in general will suffer from this trend.

We feel that "The Forge" can be a factor in co-ordinating the knowledge of McGill students. "The Forge" is the literary magazine of the University. It is not a magazine by and for students of English, or the Faculty of Arts. We invite contributions from students in every field, especially articles concerning their work, which are of a sufficiently non-technical presentation to be of interest to all. Something which is common knowledge to advanced students in a certain field may be of interest to others who are unacquainted with the subject.

We ask the patronage of all students when "The Forge" comes on to the stands, and we earnestly feel that it will be deserved.—C.A.W.

World Government—A Critical Reply

by O. G. Clausen

(Editor's Note: The following article was received as an open reply to Mr. Ralph Cohen's article, "Building a World Government," which was printed Friday, October 3.)

So Mr. Ralph Cohen thinks a World Government is well under way within the framework of the United Nations. In the Daily's issue of October 3 he airs his stubborn optimism regarding the future possibilities of the UN—and does so with an innocent fervor that to a European seems to be more tragic than encouraging.

In a way Mr. Cohen is right: a World Government is really in the making. In a way he is wrong: the present Charter of the United Nations will never form the foundation of anything that bears the faintest resemblance of a World Government.

It is not enough just to go through the statutes of the UN (as Mr. Cohen has evidently done), draw forth some developments of the past, and then confidently declare, "This is O.K. At last we have found a way out."

In doing so one forgets the inescapable and far more important facts of today's political constellation.

Gone are the days when the peoples of the world were living in the hope of eternal peace under Wendell Willkie's One-World scheme. Gone are the days when informed political authorities naively were looking forward to an era of mutual understanding and peaceful exchange of ideas between east and west.

The fact that the world has been divided into two must—however reluctantly—be realized. If a senseless idealism bars the way of the realization of this simple fact, if democratic policy is still conducted

in the hope of eventual agreement with Communist Russia, then a World Government will inevitably become a reality. From behind the solid walls of the Kremlin a handful of commissars will proudly determine the fate of One Communist World.

It may be difficult for an American or for a Canadian to see this. First, because they are too far away from the ideological battlefields of Europe. Secondly, because their own experience has proved the possibility of uniting many different peoples under one flag and one government.

As a European and a former member of a European Communist party, I have had ample opportunity to look behind the scenes and to obtain a first-hand knowledge about the Communist conspiracy against mankind. And, Mr. Cohen, I believe that I am fully entitled to assure you that as long as there is a Soviet Union it is mere nonsense to speak about the United Nations as the basis of a World Government.

The sole aim of Communist Russia is the domination of the world by Communism. The Kremlin is, and will always be, striving toward the establishment of Marxism-Leninism-Stalinism as the only true religion for all inhabitants of this earth. The complete realization of this fact is more important than anything else if democracy is to be saved.

Russia is a member of the United Nations. Isn't that an encouraging thing? Not at all. It is nothing but a firm guarantee that that organization will never come to work.

Dear Mr. Cohen, Don't call me a "warmonger." I just wanted to tell you that the tragic realities of our day make your idealism sound like sweet music from a fairy-tale world where red is an unknown color.

art for my sake art for my sake

By ALAN PORTIGAL
DRUM TALK

Members of Montreal's clan of aesthetes were seen at the Cimber programme Friday presumably on a primitive rhythm jag for the good of their jaded palates. From production standards (Broadway, that is) the show was less than satisfying what with bad lighting and an odd narration. However, these drawbacks faded as soon as Alphonse Cimber, Max Marisset, Emeranthe de Pradine, Langui-hate, and the supporting artists took to the stage. I have described Cimber's drumming in a previous column, and it was in every way up to standard. The dancing was good, with particularly spectacular solos by Randolph Scott, formerly with the Katherine Dunham Revue.

As Gratia Portugal

If my readers will forgive the impertinence of comments on art from one who could not draw a cow to save his life, I will give some impressions of the one-man-show by Mimi Parent which is due to leave the Dominion Galleries. Miss Parent, a charming and attractive person, has received a great deal of publicity in Time Magazine and in the local press of late. The question arises in my mind as to whether this publicity comes as the result of any intrinsic merit in Miss Parent's art or whether it is not rather the fact that a competent young woman of twenty-three is presenting a one-man-show.

A detailed criticism of the exhibition by another writer (who, by the way, is far better disposed towards it than I am) will appear on this page tomorrow.

As far as I could see they were good enough pictures, showing excellent use of design, facility at drawing, skillful use of colour. An examination of these pictures further reveals a multiplicity of styles, crying from picture to picture. The drawings are Matisse, the still lifes Cezanne, Van Gogh abounds, and I met someone who detected a benign influence with which I am not familiar, that of Pellin. As nearly as I could see there was little evidence of the beginnings of individuality of expression both of style and, more important, of subject matter and its treatment which should characterize a promising young artist.

A few students at art schools in the States whom I met over the summer have assured me that their training has stressed originality of expression once fundamentals were mastered. The French schools have been avoided for a long time, and even the Mexican masters, once in vogue, are not being held up for the purpose of imitation.

Passing from Miss Parent's work, which is really far better than most of the work by Canadian artists which has come to my notice, I would like to make the observation that imitation of "schools" purely and simply for the sake of imitation is at all times undesirable. It is necessary that a student use the work which has gone before as a jumping-off point but he or she should not feel virtuous while doing so. Art for form's sake, art for color's sake, or even Art for MY sake, is not art.

Dogmatic Opinion No. 1: Men have painted (and for that matter, written or composed) for a variety of reasons. The cave man drew a buffalo on his wall, perhaps, to symbolically capture the beast and render it harmless and easily caught. By and large, the artist has perceived something in life which he feels that his fellow may have overlooked, and so communicates it in the medium of his choice. It may be no more than a new way of looking at sunlight. In our present age of stress, it is likely that an artist with no more message than this will be overlooked.

Dogmatic Opinion No. 2: There are fears besetting our culture as real as any the cave man ever faced. There is an ever-present sense of the futility of human effort, a feeling that we are a by-product of the cosmic scheme of things. We are beset too with physical danger and the aching of conscience. These are the fields for the artist to explore. The sunlights of Van Gogh were not so important ultimately in themselves as in the people they shone down on.

UPPER REGISTER

Query: Will the coloratura ever replace the flute?

Concertgoers attending the Lily Pons recital Thursday who were disappointed in it—and judging by the applause they must have been mighty few—may wonder why the quality of her singing did not live up to her present exaggerated reputation. The fact seems to be that the reputation is founded on a remarkable range, incredible agility, and a pleasing sense of comedy, all fine for operatic work.

Forge Expands In Size, Variety

FORGE, McGill's Literary Magazine is changing—but the change has not been a sudden one. Since its inauguration on the campus in 1938 as McGill's literary magazine it has given an opportunity for creative writing and has fostered many on the road to a wider circle of recognition. But this was not enough. Many on the campus felt that the scope was too narrow, and as the years went by minor changes did take place: (experimental covers were tried out, an isolated article on literary matters appeared) but these were negligible, since the range of the magazine was governed by the number of pages.

This year, Forge will have a hundred pages, which is more than double the number of pages in last year's edition. Therefore, without displacing any of Forge's traditional features, we shall also be able to include a much wider and more representative range of contributions. We have already solicited articles of opinion from the professional faculties, each of which has some personal controversy which is of interest and importance to the general public, and to undergraduates in particular. How will medicine under state control affect the individual doctor? To what extent does the Nuremberg Trials a farce? Can villages grow into cities without destroying their original flavour?

All over the world an increased interest in the Arts has been noticed. Today in Canada an attempt is being made to destroy the existing apathy toward our own artists. The struggle for a national theatre has been for many years a fine example of this attitude. The Forge welcomes prose, poetry and criticism of today's literature.

The importance of university magazines has long been recognized by book-publishers who have looked to them as barometers of future writers as well as readers. Local newspaper critics have taken a personal interest in the Forge, likewise the reading public of Montreal.

The deadline for articles, stories, poems and plays is December 20th 1947. Arrangements have been made to receive contributions at the Tuck Shop in the Union, with Tom in the Arts Building, and similar arrangements have been made in the other buildings on the Campus. Dawson Students can leave their contributions with Jim Coyle, or send them directly to the McGill Union. The editors will not read untidy or untuned manuscripts. Material previously published is acceptable in Forge.

An attractive cover and format will complete the new edition of

LETTER FORUM

Cheerleaderettes

Dear Mr. Editor:

This letter concerns the old problem of cheerleaderettes and drum majorettes.

At the last football rally, this observer noticed Dr. Muriel V. Roscoe heartily approving the show put on by a game sextet of West Hill girls, dressed in McGill band uniforms. The cries "for shame" or perhaps "such common cheapness" were certainly not heard. What WAS heard were loud yells and hearty approval through applause when the McGill students saw how smart these young ladies appeared. Let them do what they did if the feeling were anything but the response given them.

With this thought and I might say endorsement by one of the stumbling blocks in the way of a cheerleaderette movement at McGill, this party advocates that the old-fashioned stand previously in existence be abolished despite the re-affirmation of such a policy by the McGill Board during the past summer.

A. S.

To Whom It May Concern

Through the medium of your paper I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who, in any way, contributed towards making the Dawson Barn Dance a huge success.

Specifically I would like to thank Johnny Logan for his capable assistance and also Jack Crepaull for being kind enough to devote an evening to M.C. I also wish to express my gratitude to the three ex-Dawson girls, Jean Clark, Peggy (Continued on Page 4.)

Forge which will be on sale early in February. The editors feel that the above changes will make this year's Forge representative of the University. The rest is up to you. It can only be as good as the contributions received.



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The Millionth Chance

by Donbar

Geoffrey slowly walked from the tunnel entrance into the sunlight. The station, or perhaps I should say what had been the station, lay before him, the twisted ribbons of steel, the bare girders reaching into the blue of the morning sky, and the rubble, his eyes slowly moved across the panorama of destruction. The unreality of the situation seemed to grip him with an alcoholic numbness, his mind struggled through the immensity of what had happened.

He could see the molten, mishappen lumps that had been switch engines and railway cars. He climbed the banks beside the tunnel entrance, up into the city he had left but a few hours ago—but now it could hardly be called a city. He wandered aimlessly through the shattered streets, nothing moved, no sound broke the morning stillness. He recoiled suddenly as his foot squelched down into what had once been a human being, and now nothing but a blackened heap of remains. With a look of complete hopelessness he wandered up the ruined street and out onto the campus. Amongst the charred stumps that had once been graceful trees, he sat on the bare, baked ground.

It had been three o'clock when he had left this spot the day before, he had walked briskly down to the tunnel station, boarded the last car of a north bound train and at three thirty the train had pulled out of the station and into the tunnel on its way north. His watch still said three thirty-five, the blast must have been then.

In the tunnel it had been a screaming, shrieking hell of sound and destruction, the train had crashed to a halt and with a roar the tunnel had collapsed around it; leaving only the last coach and its sole passenger. He lost all conception of time, he did not know how long he had lain in the darkness but he finally crawled from the coach, dropped to the tracks, and started walking back through the tunnel to emerge in the early morning sunlight to a scene of hell and horror.

With apparently no motive except a desire to leave the ruins, he continued northward up the hills onto the slope of the mountain. Even here the ground and vegetation had been seared and scorched.

From the top of the slope Geoffrey looked out upon the city. Like a rain-smeared blueprint the lines that had been streets wandered between the rubble heaps that yesterday had been buildings. In the distance the river flowed along undisturbed by the carnage beside its banks, true, the graceful arc of steel that had been the bridge could only be distinguished by the bits and pieces that projected from the swirling water.

Then he saw movement far below him, like beetles crawling over rotten remains, squat, black lumps were moving along the lower slopes into the ruins. He wondered why he couldn't hear them—then he realized that he hadn't heard a sound since the blast. He slapped his hands together, still no sound, he must be deaf. He turned to walk on and he saw, not fifty yards away, a tank moving towards him.

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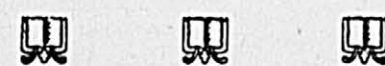
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Novices To Compete In Intramural Track Meet Today

Tracksters Compete This Afternoon For Intramural Honours

The McGill track faithfuls will start their program in quest of the little man on the Tait MacKenzie Trophy today with the intramural championships which get underway at 2 p.m. The meet will actually be a show of novices as all members of last year's senior track and intermediates are ineligible for competition.

TRACK WARM-UP

The regular intercollegiate schedule of track and field events will be run off and those scoring in the first six places in each event will garner points for their faculty towards the final intramural point participation table. The meet will also serve as a warmup for the inter-faculty meet which takes place on Thanksgiving Day afternoon.

The Phys Eds who captured the crown last year have given notice that they will be out in force and will be a factor to reckon with.

The senior intercollegiate team that lines up at Molson Stadium on October 22 in defence of last year's title will certainly have to have many new faces. Although such stalwarts of last semester's squad as Captain Lionel Fournier, Pete Robinson and Andy Lamontagne are back the Red and White have lost the services of such notables as Andy Gillespie, Derrick Brewerton and Bob Bartlett among others.

Coaches Van Wagner and Borsman will have to fill the gap either with members of last year's intermediate squad or those who show promise tomorrow. However the immediate problem is to get men out. It is obvious to all cinder-punchers that the larger the number that the coaches have to choose from the stronger the final squad will be.

Although post entries will be accepted those that signed the entry lists for the high hurdles, 100 yard dash, 880 yard run, pole vault and discus are reminded that these are the first events and will start at 2 p.m. or shortly thereafter. A further announcement by those in charge of the meet states that all competitors who sign with

the track manager will be excused from classes but that the signature must appear on the sheet provided for same. Furthermore, Dawson competitors at Dawson are urged to check with the Athletics office regarding free transportation to Montreal for the meet.

Boxers Start Training With Coach Phillips

The first boxing practice of the year will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 5.15 p.m. and thereafter twice weekly at the same hour on Tuesday and Thursday. The fact is stressed by Manager Rod Brown that no previous experience is necessary. This year the boxers will be classed according to ability, and special instruction will be given to each class.

PHILLIPS BACK

Again in the role of coach will be Irving Phillips, whose many years' close association with boxing has made him one of the leading coaches in Montreal. "Irving" presents simply and concisely the technique of boxing. He emphasizes the formation of habit and the development of skill. Last year under his direction the team won a first place tie with Toronto, each having three wins.

With the intercollegiate assault at arms to be held at McGill in February, the Boxing Club will experience their best season in many years. So all those in any way interested in the sport be on hand this afternoon at 5.15 in the B.W.F. Room of the Gym.

BEGIN . . .

Coed's Tennis Tourney Gets Red Hot Start

Yesterday marked the end of the first round of the McGill coeds' tennis tournament. Some of the matches were long and hard fought, so those of the second round should show even more competition. With weather permitting, the second round is to be over by Friday at 5.30, which means that 16 matches have to be played on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This means that you should try to play your match as soon as possible, as the tennis instruction for the coeds by members of the British Lawn Tennis Association have two of the girls' courts from 10 to 12 a.m., and from 2 to 4 p.m., until Thursday; and this means that only two courts will be available during these times. In order to prevent too many waiting for the courts, you should try to arrange your match to be played between these times.

GET PARTNERS

When you go over to play at the McTavish Courts please tell Mr. Price, who is in charge, that you are playing tournament, so that you will be allowed to finish your

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COEDS' SWIMMING

All coeds interested in intercollegiate swimming should attend the meeting in Room 12 R.V.C. today at 1.15 p.m.

Red Pucksters Get Into Shape With Gridmen

If during the next few days you should happen to wander up to the Molson oval to watch the big Red machine in training, and you see some characters in skates and shorts going through their paces, don't worry, run for the Psychiatrist or become unduly agitated. The explanation is simple in that these same characters are members of Dave Campbell's puck squad out for a little early season conditioning with the men of Obeck.

SHAPING UP

This is a new idea inaugurated by wily Dave to keep his minions in fighting trim on the days that the Forum freeze is unavailable to the pucksters. Such an unfortunate event occurs no less than three times this week, which means that the hockeyists will be visiting the Pine avenue arena today, tomorrow and Thursday. These sessions start at 5.15 and end at the discretion of the powers that be.

The hockey Redmen open their season on Friday, November 21 against the Gaels from Kingston and follow this up with a game the next afternoon versus the U. of M. Carabins. Their complete schedule has been expanded to twelve league contests and one exhibition with Harvard.

Gaels Defeated 2-0 By O.A.C.; Fumble Affair

Kingston, Ontario, Oct. 5. — (C.U.P.) — Queen's Seniors were blanked 2-0 by O.A.C. Intermediates last Saturday in a decidedly disappointing exhibition of football. Early in the first quarter Queen's looked to be in position for a major score but fumbled on the Aggies 26. O.A.C. moved the ball to mid-field where the play ceased until Lenard, Bulger, McKelvey extensions took Queen's to the O.A.C. 12 yard line. Lenard's attempted field goal failed and a no yard penalty cancelled the single point.

FUMBLES GALORE
In the second quarter Queen's again threw a scoring chance on McIntyre's fumble. The Aggies commenced an aerial and ground assault for 55 yards to Queen's 15. Lenard's interception saved an O.A.C. score. The teams again battled at mid-field until McKelvey on a runback and Rozumniak and Lenard moved the ball to O.A.C. 26 and half ended with Queen's in possession on the Aggies 15.

In the 3rd quarter White intercepted Lenard's pass and raced 20 yards to the Gael 8 yard line. Queen's held for 2 downs and O.A.C. kicked a single.

A fumble on the 4 yard line caused Lenard to kick. A 12 yard runback brought the ball back to Queen's 38. Kennedy and Brennan took the ball to the 22. After being held for 2 downs, White kicked to Bulger to complete the scoring.

LAST QUARTER
In the 4th quarter Rozumniak hit the line hard but failed to make substantial gains. Lenard attempted another placement which went wide and Calverley took it to the Aggie 16. Queen's regained possession and took the ball to the O.A.C. 22. Lenard again elected to kick a field goal but took a 3 yard gain on offense and after making another 10 yards Lenard's attempted field goal was blocked and the Aggies recovered on their own 22 to put the game on ice.

BASKETBALL NOTICE

This notice is of special interest to all those students who are looking for a spot on the McGill Senior or Intermediate basketball teams. You are requested to leave your name, address and phone number at Mr. Ryan's office in the gym as soon as possible.

sports 'n stuff . . .

—by NORM WOLFE

FOOTBALL FOOTNOTES

Ontario Agricultural College's upset defeat of Queens Saturday afternoon by a 2-0 score seems to indicate that the Gaels will be soft touches when they play our Redmen at Molson Stadium Saturday . . . Especially when you consider that Western trounced the Aggies 42-6 the previous week without the services of greasy-hipped Jack Parry, who was nursing a bad leg. But we have a sneaking suspicion that the Tricolor are going to be a lot stronger when they face Vic Obeck's stalwarts . . . Not that we think that Queens deliberately allowed themselves to be beaten by an Intermediate team, but exhibition games don't count in the final record . . .

Bob Elliot, new Gael mentor, has been experimenting with a T-formation offense, employing versatile Al Lenard in the quarterback slot. Obviously the Tricolor's timing and ball-handling on Saturday was as sloppy as a Chemistry professor's handwriting, but that type of defect can be eliminated with a week of steady practicing . . . Memo to the Redmen: The best way to dispose of Tricolor is to whitewash it . . .

VARIETY FROM VARSITY

Out in the land of the Chinooks and various other big winds, mostly political, Toronto's itinerant Blues have just completed a highly successful tour . . . Bobby Coulter's crew succeeded in slaughtering Saskatchewan's not-so-Huskies 65-0 and 41-0 on successive Saturdays. On the Wednesday evening intervening, Alberta's Golden Bears chanted "Blues in the Night" as they wended their weary way back to Fort Knox on the short end of a 19-6 score . . . Those self-same Bears held Calgary Stampede's of the Western Canada Rugby Union to a 0-16 margin just the other day . . . Which proves what comparative football scores usually prove—e.g. That Freshwater U. could probably wallop the tar out of Notre Dame . . .

NOTES AND JOTTINGS

The 1947 edition of the McGill band filled the air with tuneful marches at Molson Stadium Saturday p.m. With less than a week of practices under their belts, the Red and White clad musicians performed very creditably . . . They could use a few more members though. Poetic matriculation advice to high school drum-majorettes: "Stay in high school and lead your bands, when you come to McGill, you sit in the stands" . . .

Too bad we haven't got two Tommy Bridels . . . Vic Obeck has been forced to choose between his terrific linework and his equally great plunging ability . . . Tommy is now playing middle because that's where he's needed most, but we still miss those rocketing linesman's which never failed to gain yards when they were hardest to get . . .

THE MANLY ART

Jawing with Earle Smith, McGill's ace quarterback last year, the "Whizzer" was relating some amusing anecdotes regarding Alouette practices . . . Earle, who has been performing capably in the signal-calling slot for Lew Haysman's lads, was paired off during one early season blocking session with burly Don Durno, 230 pound middle . . . As Whizzer charged in to throw a shoulder block at Durno, a ham-like fist came out of nowhere and punched him square in the kisser. The next thing Smith knew he was lying flat on his back gazing up at the unrepentant features of his teammate . . . Without even apologizing, Durno murmured thoughtfully, "That's getting to be a bad habit. I'll have to watch myself" . . .



TOMMY BRIDEL
plunging middle?

END . . .

Yanks Victors; Page Brilliant In Relief Role

"Foot the experts. Let's beat the Yanks!" That was the cry on the lips of all Dodger fans as the Bums went into the seventh game of the 1947 World Series yesterday afternoon at Yankee Stadium. Even though the Dodgers yanked surprise starter Frank Shea from the mound, the Yanks came back to win their 11th World Series 5-2.

PITCHERS YANKED

Dem Bums really showed their power in the second when they drove across two runs, causing Bucky Harris to send in Bevens. Floyd held Brooklyn, while his powerful team mates caused Hal Gregg to give up one run. The third frame spelled showers for the Flatbush starter after the pinch-

Floor Hockey League Now Being Organized

The McGill Floor Hockey League is now in the process of being formed. Jack Goldwater, league manager, reports former Dawsonites are turning out in force and a good league is expected. All those interested in playing are requested to add their names to the lists now posted on the notice boards in the Arts and Engineering buildings, and in the McGill Union. It is hoped to form a very strong representative team to play against Dawson College from the best of the Intramurals.

So get your names up and watch the Daily and your notice boards for further information. Names may also be handed in to Mr. H. R. Ryan's office in the gymnasium, Jack Goldwater (EL. 3536), or to Jack Westbrook (CA. 4911).

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Interfaculty Tennis Tournament To Continue Today at McTavish

The interfaculty tennis tournament shifts into high gear today with a slew of matches slated for 11 o'clock and following at the McTavish street courts. Yesterday's contests were run off with smooth precision and no upsets of major significance (or even minor for that matter) occurred.

The schedule of matches for today's games, and the results of yesterday's play are as follows:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1947

11 o'clock: L. F. Lawry vs. Foster Fisher; D. A. Campbell vs. Stead; Art Bruneau vs. H. H. Thompson; Chas. Butterworth vs. M. Mishkin.

12 o'clock: L. Stern vs. Chas. Jeans; H. O. Pengelly vs. A. D. Hayward; Red Quinn vs. P. Pangman; John Draper vs. J. M. St. Jacques.

1 o'clock: K. Gates vs. M. Measures; J. E. Edger vs. Neil McGregor; Chuck Gardener vs. J. Auger; J. H. Summerby vs. Art Gammaise.

2 o'clock: L. Cousineau vs. R. K. Grey; B. George vs. Gerry Lanthier; Robert Hope vs. Rob Gallagher; Dave Ferrier vs. Andrew Coley.

Redmen Under Lights In Initial Soccer Tilt

There will be a soccer game tonight under the lights at Molson Stadium starting at 7.45 p.m. and the following players are asked to be there on time: Rawlins, Samuel, Lindo, Smith, R. V., Smith, S., Foster, Guishard, Patterson, Wolvin, Dale, Campbell, Hutson, Salmon, Ferrier, Ammon, Barnard, Fong, Hayward, Ellington, and Fairstat.

Team members are reminded about obtaining their visas at the U.S. Immigration, 1117 St. Catherine St., Room 6, and ask for Mr. Blackwell. If there are any further questions, you are asked to contact Don Wolvin at La. 8503.

MANAGERS MEETING

There will be a meeting today, Tuesday, at 5.00 p.m. in the classroom of the Sir Arthur Currie Gymnasium, of all managers and coaches of the various athletic clubs at McGill.

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Plans Are Under Way For All-Varsity Stage Review

(By Canadian University Press)

A stage-conscious group of Varsity students are already making plans for an All-Varsity Revue to be played on the stage of Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theatre for a week starting next February second.

The revue committee's plans for the show have recently been approved by the Varsity SAC. Last year, this show had to be indefinitely postponed for lack of a suitable auditorium, but now that the Administrative Council has given the organizers a green light, plans are going ahead.

Dunc Smith, the producer, has made a special appeal to the student body for support and co-operation to make the revue a success. The aim of the show has been defined as principally that of making the students proud of their university. The committee hopes, through a revue for which talent would be recruited solely among

students and co-eds, to help consolidate Varsity's esprit de corps and interest in the university.

At least one basic change will affect this year's production—in previous shows the practice has been to present a collection of the better acts from preceding years' campus shows. This year, however, the Revue scripts are to be written in book form, with selections designed to appeal to the average showgoer as well as to the students.

Plans for auditioning are expected to be completed next week, immediately following which casting will begin. The Revue will run for approximately ninety minutes of fantasy woven around the lighter side of college life. The week booked at the Royal Alexandra Theatre will allow one dress rehearsal, and five complete presentations of the planned all-Varsity production.

Virginia Prof. Declares War Not Imminent

"A war between Russia and the Western Powers is not imminent," said Professor Joseph P. Sollars, in an interview at the University of West Virginia. After an extensive stay in the U.S.S.R., he considered the possibility of war very slight.

This University Professor at present lecturing in Economics, served with a U.S. military mission in the Soviet Union from 1943 through June, 1945. His duties were many and varied, running from General Secretary work to procuring proper housing facilities for diplomats and guests at the Yalta Conference.

The Russian people, as a whole, are in his opinion, "friendly to the United States." Americans living there are treated with the utmost courtesy and respect he added.

In reply to questions, Prof. Sollars said, "living standards do not compare with those in the United States, but the peasant class is satisfied because it is a great improvement over the life they formerly experienced." He further added that only through further reconstruction can Russia's domestic problems be alleviated. He re-emphasized further that war between the Soviet Union and the United States was impossible.

Professor Sollars had extensive contact with Russian civilians, and said that he found them to be more like Americans, than any other European people.

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match and not have to put off at the allotted time.

The person in the lower bracket must get in touch with the person whom she is to play, so that if the lower bracket player neglects this responsibility the person in the top bracket will automatically win the match by default. All results must be posted on the draw which will be on the R.V.C. bulletin board. It is up to the winner to post the results of each match.

BALLS AVAILABLE

Tennis balls may be secured at the Physical Education office. The office is closed from 12:30 until 2 so try to arrange to get your balls at another time. It is the responsibility of the person in the upper bracket to obtain and return same.

The results of the first round of the tournament are as follows: Dorothy Leggett def. Gloria Victor by default.

Pat Waterson def. Kay King, 6-3, 6-0.

Myra Judge def. June Marler, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.

Rosemarie Schutz def. Alice Stewart, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

Bev Reid def. Shirley Thompson, 6-1, 6-1.

Janice Jaques def. Diana Sproule, 6-1, 6-1.

Penny Hay def. Audrey Cliff, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

Lois O'Neill def. Kayo Little, 6-2, 6-3.

Sheila Campbell def. Ena Rosenfeld Segall.

Catherine Holtz def. Betty O'Toole, 6-3, 11-9.

Bea Syme def. Pauline Ramsey, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Sandy MacAllister def. Peggy Wright.

The following are to have finished their matches by Friday and have their results posted by 5:30 on the draw sheet:

Betty Evans, MA. 0178 vs. Vivian Singer, MA. 4313.

Anne Merston, MA. 9176 vs. Heidi Earley, WI. 7750.

Di Harrower, WE. 5089 vs. Dorothy Leggett, HA. 9771.

Dorothy Helleur, EL. 9825 vs. Pat Waterson, WE. 4565.

Beryl DeBlois, HA. 1738 vs. Myra Judge, DE. 9913.

June Devaux, AT. 1630 vs. Rosemarie Schutz, DE. 6125.

Pip McLaren, MA. 9176 vs. Bev Reid, HA. 6268.

Edith Gooding, HA. 6268 vs. Janice Jaques, EL. 2913.

Anne Flemming, WI. 0703 vs.

The Other Love

By MARY GOTHLEF

She was looking at him with utter disgust. The lovely eyes that had gazed so tenderly into his only a few minutes ago were now hard and cold. He was sorry and longed to apologize, but words failed him. He stood dejected, an object of pity. She could no longer resist his silent pleadings and drew him to her bosom just as her husband entered the room. But that gentleman only smiled, for he understood that the Pekingese had not been behaving as it should.

Penny Hay, FI. 3610.

Carrie Brodie, AT. 3315 vs. Lois O'Neill, MA. 9181.

Audrey DeBlois, HA. 1738 vs. Sheila Campbell, EL. 4564.

Louise MacFarlane, WE. 5700 vs. Catherine Holtz, HA. 1682.

Audrey Septon, AT. 7513 vs. Bea Syme, MA. 9181.

Felice Adenault, MA. 0178 vs. Sandy MacAllister, HA. 3317.

P. A. MacFarlane, WI. 0359 vs. Eve Marler, PL. 1518.

Mary Tucker, DE. 1206 vs. Gay Elkington, MA. 9176.

Watch the RVC bulletin board for further instructions or get in touch with Anne Flemming, WI. 0703.

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hit strategy again worked. Behrman stopped the Yanks after the tying and winning runs had scored.

PAGE PROLIFIC

Yesterday it again was Joe, not DiMag, but Lefty Joe Page, who starred for the Yanks. After coming in during the fifth, the ace relief hurler collared the opposition, retiring 13 men in succession. Utility man Ed Miksis was the jinx boy for "Fireman" Page, rapping Joe for a single. A double play stopped the threat and ended the game, the favoured Bombers winning 5-2.

There is no joy in Flatbush—the Beloved Bums have failed to win, but not before playing to the hilt against all odds.

The Millionth—P. 2

He turned to run, slipped, and fell to the ground, and then, like a nightmare, with no sound in his ears, he was crushed by a massive tread.

The annihilation was complete—the one escapee had been found, the millionth chance had ceased to exist.

Letters—P. 2

Sheppard, and Barbara Townsend for their work in preparing the McGill girls for their journey to Dawson. My sincere appreciation goes to the McGill Freshmen Reception Committee for their invaluable advice.

In closing I would like to say it is my belief that, if the spirit that was exhibited at the Barn Dance was maintained throughout the year, Dawson College has a bright future ahead of them in so far as social events are concerned.

Sincerely,

GEORGE V. MUELLER,
Chairman, Dawson Freshmen Reception Committee.

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on The Daily are men like Gerald Clark and Lionel Shapiro who have become outstanding on the big newspapers of the country.

Some 200—P. 1

Chief Justice Tyndale was followed by the general conferring of degrees by the Chancellor to successful graduates of undergraduate and graduate faculties and schools of the university.

The conferring of an honorary LL.D. on General Marshall and his subsequent address brought the exercises to a close.



ON THE PLATFORM AT YESTERDAY'S CONVOCATION

Report Issued On Teaching

(Concluded)

Education Association

There is one splendid co-ordinating organization in Canada, to which credit for much of the success of educational efforts must be given. It is the Canadian Education Association, called for some years the Canada-Newfoundland Education Association. This organization is maintained by the Departments of Education of the nine provinces of Canada and of Newfoundland, its budget being provided by annual contributions in proportion to population from each of the provincial governments. It represents the constitutional authorities over education and has unique advantages for conducting nation-wide educational research. Much of the factual and statistical information in this article was kindly supplied by the C.E.A.

Teacher Shortage

Schools, plans and curricula are necessary parts of education, but behind all, making them effective, is the teaching profession. Canada has large numbers of highly skilled and capable teachers, but there are not enough to fill all the needs. The 1941 census recorded 88,000 school teachers, two-thirds of them women. An appraisal by the Canadian Education Association in January revealed the following facts about combined elementary and secondary teaching positions:

P. E. I.	100	51	120
Nova Scotia	1000	265	623
New Brunswick	600	150	370
Quebec (Cath.)	1500	2747	3150
Que. (Prot.)	150	118	312
Ontario	850	1509	2060
Manitoba	800	419	620
Saskatchewan	700	380	1000
Alberta	720	367	730
British Columbia	160	260	500
	6447	6866	9508

(Note: The third column represents the approximate enrolment necessary to make good existing shortages in three years while providing for ordinary replacements; the second column indicates that the actual enrolment at the beginning of the year was 2,600 short.)

It is evident, then, that primary and secondary schools have a rough road ahead of them, with conditions getting worse before they can be called good. The condition is not confined to Canada, if that is any consolation. One out of every seven teachers in the United States is serving on an emergency or sub-standard certificate and 70,000 teaching positions were unfilled this spring.

What's Wrong? Why do these conditions exist in Canada and the United States? Why do students not consider the teaching profession a good risk? Basically, say those who have investigated most closely, young people turn away from teaching because of the poor salaries paid.

The factory worker with little or no education making things for our current use receives greater compensation on the average than teachers who are training our children to be the citizens of the future.

Let us admit to begin with that it is impossible to make an accurate comparison of teachers' salaries across Canada. There are too many variations in the type and cost of housing, board, and transportation, and one school demands more hours of work than another.

Probably the best way to get an idea of the range is to take the lowest and highest minimum and the lowest and highest maximum for three grades of teacher in Canadian cities. The following are compiled from a list supplied by the Canadian Education Association.

tion, made up of data secured in August 1946:

MALE TEACHERS

	Low.	High.	Low.	High.
	min.	min.	max.	max.
Elementary	\$ 800	\$1,600	\$1,310	\$3,500
Intermediate	1,100	1,600	1,475	3,600
Secondary	1,100	2,300	2,025	4,000

WOMEN TEACHERS

	\$ 800	\$1,400	\$1,250	\$3,500
Elementary	1,100	1,500	1,475	3,600
Secondary	1,100	2,300	2,000	4,000

It should be noted that provincial minima do not prevent the individual municipalities from adopting their own salary schedules, provided they exceed the minimum. This accounts for the fact that in the 50,000 to 100,000 population class, for instance, the minimum ranges from \$800 in one city to \$1,600 in another.

While average yearly earnings in manufacturing industries were going up from \$975 in 1939 to \$1,564 in 1944, an increase of 60.4 per cent, teachers' salaries increased from \$854 to \$1,098, or 28.6 per cent. This parallels closely the situation in the United States during the same period, where employed persons received 79 per cent more on the average, while teachers received only 31 per cent more. The 1944 figures for Canada, issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, are the latest available to us, but we are informed that teachers' salaries have increased in Canada much more since 1944 than in the preceding five years.

Community Recognition

Next to salary, probably the greatest need of the profession is for a sane and sensible community recognition of the teachers. The Earl of Birkenhead, writing learned essays on famous court cases, said disparagingly "an elderly unknown assistant-master would hardly be chosen as an equal companion." It is sad to think that the late 19th-Century snobbishness is still reflected in the community's regard for teachers. Young people are discouraged by the idea that teaching is thought of by the public as a routine task. Teachers themselves regard it as a first-class job of social engineering, building for the future and imparting influences that will continue generation after generation.

Lamentably enough, too many interpret their obligation to "take an interest in education" as an invitation to pry into and govern the teacher's private life. Teachers are human beings, subject to the same impulses and entitled to the same personal freedom and respect as are other professional workers. "The private life of a teacher," said Dr. Laycock in an address to the Alberta School Trustees' Association two years ago, "should be subject to the same criticism as that of any other citizen—no more and no less. He should take his share in community leadership, as is expected of all other citizens—no more and no less. He is not the chore boy of the community. Nor should he be shut off from community activity any more than the business man or other professional men are cut off."

Living Conditions.

Unsatisfactory living conditions loom large in the minds of young people, especially women, who are considering entering the teaching profession.

Many teachers, attracted by the creative opportunities and personal satisfaction they believe exist in the profession, have become disenchanted when introduced to their living quarters in a crowded home. Others find teacherages which are poorly equipped, poorly furnished, and isolated.

A survey in one province in 1941-

Freshman Smoker At Dawson Tonight

This evening at 7:30, the Freshman Reception Committee will present a smoker in the Dawson Gymnasium. The program will feature talks and entertainment.

Professional entertainers are being brought out who are now currently being featured in Montreal night clubs.

One of the highlights of the show will be a highwire act by some H.Y. acrobats. These entertainers are being sponsored by Mr. Max Bernfeld, a McGill graduate who has presented such smokers twice before at Dawson.

Jack Crepeault who M.C.'d at the Barn Dance held at Dawson will again take over at that post. Students will have the opportunity of meeting their camp leaders and hearing talks on Dawson activities. Free cigarettes and soft drinks will be handed out. The program is expected to be over by 9:30.

42 revealed that only one teacher-age of 15 could be rated very good. Others had no cellar, no insulation, and only the bare essentials in furnishings. Most teachers (10 of the 15 were women) had to chop or split their firewood; one teacher used melted snow in winter and melted ice from an icehouse in summer to supply water, while three carried water half a mile. Supplies were hard to obtain. One teacher walked six miles to town every Saturday, taking a chance on catching a ride back with her week's supplies.

There were 25 teachers who boarded at rates from \$16 to \$23 a month. Only five of the houses had furnaces, bedrooms were too cold and so they had to do their work and studying in the kitchens with the rest of the family, often to the accompaniment of radios or noisy children. Only three of the homes had running water, indoor toilets and electric light.

It cannot be said that such conditions attract young people into the profession. Superintendents find it extremely difficult to get good teachers for rural schools, and then to keep them. Teachers are much more readily convertible to other occupations than are other workers to teaching. After a period, sometimes only part of a year, in conditions which verge on the pioneering age, they move to new occupations or to urban schools. It will surprise many to learn that the average professional life of male teachers is only 7.5 years, and of female teachers 5.9 years, according to the findings of a subcommittee of the Alberta Post War Reconstruction Committee in 1945. Compared with any other profession, this reflects serious instability and unduly high replacement costs.

Material improvements in schools, living conditions and so on will contribute to the stability of the most important person in education, the teacher. A good teacher is the result not only of natural ability, study and sound training, but of contentment. The teacher must have health, vitality, and intelligence. The best teachers have good personalities, they are sincere, well-rounded individuals, vitally interested in their work and able to transmit their knowledge to students. As A. S. Mowat, Professor of Education at Dalhousie University remarked in Public Affairs: "You need not expect to get this paragon for two dollars a day. As in other walks of life to get quality you must pay for it."

The Profession

The teaching profession is at once a great art and to a considerable extent a science. There are bookish blockheads in it as in every other profession, and you come upon teachers who are faded in a noticeable measure from the sharp and strong pattern so much desired; but these are not typical. Teachers on the whole radiate interest and enthusiasm to their students in a blend of personality and skill. They have a rare courage: the courage to repeat day after day the same lessons in a way to keep them always interesting and arrest-

Gen Nites At McGill Union And Dawson

The first two Gen Nites are to be held on Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Union Ballroom, and on Thursday evening at Dawson College.

On interviewing the professors who will be present to lead the discussion groups, it was found that they greatly realized the lack of the personal element between the faculty members and the undergraduates due to the large enrolment in the past war years. This lack of 'being in touch' with the individual student has been a considerable problem as they feel that many student difficulties go unnoticed until it is too late to overcome them.

These statements were substantiated by the large number of students who have been forced to lose a year or postpone their graduation due to the taking of wrong courses, lacking necessary courses, or prerequisites for future studies.

It is with this fact in mind that these professors have co-operated with the Educational Committee of the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society in organizing "Gen" or "General Information Nites".

At these discussion groups it is hoped that the future path of the undergraduate will be greatly simplified and smoothed out so that as little time as possible will be lost while obtaining his or her education at McGill University.

No LPP Party in Queen's Parliament

By the Canadian University Press

Over seventy students attended a meeting at Queen's University recently at which a steering committee was appointed to guide the newly formed Model Parliament. Supporters of three of the four major Canadian parties were present.

The Liberals, Progressive-Conservatives and C.C.F. parties each have two members on the committee and each will be the party in power for one meeting of the parliament.

Only two supporters of the Labour Progressive Party showed up, not enough to form a government, so these students will probably be classed as independents.

Party leaders and whips were elected and these students will lead their own parties in Queen's initial undertaking.

COTC NOTICE

The Canadian Officers Training Corps will commence activities Tuesday evening, 7 October, 1947, at 7:30 p.m. when an organizational meeting will be held in the Officers Mess. All Officer Cadets now on strength are expected to attend.

The theoretical course proper will commence Monday vning, 13 October, 1947. Lecturers for the term will include: Professor J. D. Rollit, Defence Economics; Professor G. H. McKay, Military Geography; Major J. V. Cook, Military Science. The Resident Staff Officer is available daily for interviews at the Sir Arthur Currie Gymnasium Armoury. Students wishing to enroll in the C.O.T.C. should call to obtain necessary information.



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